

Appl. No.: 10/828,630.

Amendment and Reply to Office action of April 4, 2005

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0030]:

[0030.1] Applicants have made available to the public without restriction a deposit of *Bacillus anthracis* ag (Alls/Gifford) with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110, U.S.A., ATCC Deposit No. PTA-3162. The date of the deposit was the 8th of March, 2001. The deposit with the ATCC was taken from the same deposit maintained by the Air Force, since prior to the filing date of this application. All restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent. The deposit of the *Bacillus anthracis* ag (Alls/Gifford) without restriction will be maintained at the ATCC Depository, which is a public depository, for a period of 30 years, or five years after the most recent request, or for the effective life of the patent, whichever is longer, and will be replaced if it becomes nonviable during that period.